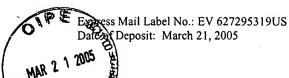
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

Further to the outstanding non-Final Office Action dated December 15, 2004 (Paper No. 20041211) for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit the following Response.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.